



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

February 29, 2016

Mr. Brian Reinhart
Horizon Hobby
4105 Fieldstone Road
Champaign, IL 61821

Dear Mr. Reinhart:

As part of the February 2015 small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) (sUAS) proposed rule, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) asked for comments on a “micro” classification. Based on the comments, the FAA has decided to pursue flexible, performance-based requirements that address potential hazards instead of a classification defined by weight and speed. Today it was announced that the Agency is establishing a Micro UAS Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) to develop recommendations for operating certain UAS over people who are not directly involved in the operation of the aircraft.

You, or your designee, are cordially invited to be a member of the Micro UAS ARC. As outlined in the enclosed Charter, the ARC is specifically tasked to consider recommendations for a performance-based standard that would allow for micro UAS to be operated over people who are not directly participating in the operation of the UAS or under a covered structure. Specifically, this ARC will:

- Develop recommendations for a performance-based standard for the classification of micro UAS;
- Identify means-of-compliance for manufacturers to show that unmanned aircraft meet the performance-based safety requirement; and
- Recommend operational requirements for micro UAS appropriate to the recommended performance-based safety requirement.

The ARC will meet at the US Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, DOT Conference Center, Oklahoma Room, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, 20590 from March 8-10 and 15-17, 2016. There will also be a preparation meeting held via teleconference on March 3, 2016. The final recommendation report must be submitted by the ARC to the FAA no later than Friday, April 1, 2016.

Please RSVP with your acceptance of this invitation and the name, title, phone number, and email address of your designated member to Meredith Tracey, meredith.tracey@faa.gov, by 12:00 p.m. Friday, February 26. If you have any questions, Ms. Tracey may be reached at (202) 267-8305.

We look forward to your participation on the Micro UAS ARC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Lawrence". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Earl Lawrence
Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office

Enclosure